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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

LABOR PRESS

Editors of AFLCIO labor papers converged upon San Francisco Saturday for the opening session of the International Labor Press Association convention.

The outgoing ILPA president attacked the daily press for its commercialism, but there wasn't much effort wasted on analyzing the wrong of the labor press—which should have been the No. 1 concern of those present.

Front pages from ILPA member-papers were posted on a bulletin board in the back of the hall later in the day. Judging from them, the labor press is—by and large—dull, understaffed and concerned with many problems which aren't of much interest to rank-and-file members.

There are outstanding exceptions of course. And, in fairness, it should be stated that many of the shortcomings of the labor press are beyond the control of the editors, because of the policies of the unions which own the papers.

And many shortcomings are beyond the control either of the editors or the publishers for financial reasons. This is particularly true of community labor papers, as contrasted with the international union house organs.

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LOUIS BURGESS

Four days earlier, a man who for 13 years was one of the most respected labor editors in the United States died in retirement in Palo Alto.

He was Louis Burgess, the former editor of the East Bay Labor Journal.

The independent spirit which makes the East Bay Labor Journal a little more outspoken than most of the labor papers was, in large part, due to Burgess' philosophy of unions and newspapers.

It was due, of course, also to the leaders of the Alameda County labor movement who saw the wisdom of such a course when it was heresy in labor circles. To them should go the credit for employing one of the first professional newspapermen hired to edit a local labor paper.

To them, also, should go the credit for guaranteeing Burgess a much larger degree of editorial freedom than most labor editors enjoy, even today.

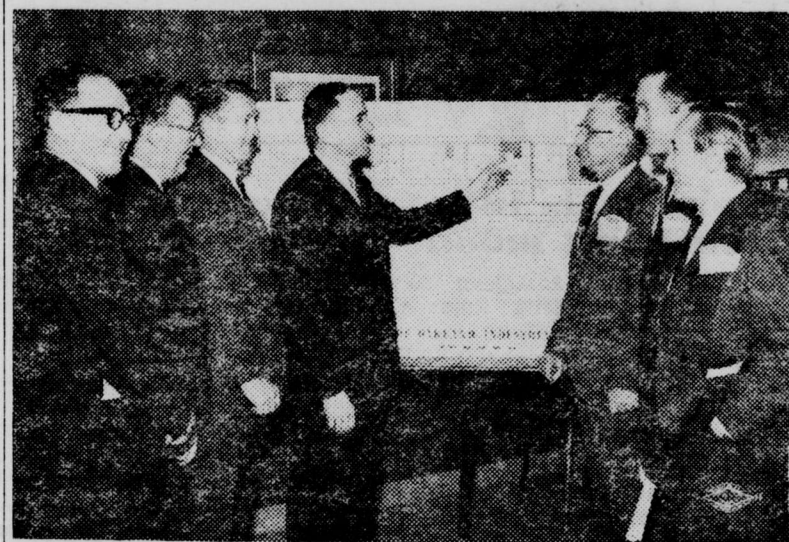
But, starting from this point, Louis Burgess attracted readers because of his unreserved fights for the principles which he considered important, and because he voiced his views in an interesting and readable manner.

The Alameda County labor movement is a better labor movement because Louis Burgess was among us for 13 years.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Youth Corps chief visits Labor Council's project



NEW JOBS are being created by stepped-up development of the Port of Oakland Industrial Park, H. C. (Bud) Marsh, port properties manager, tells union representatives. Among those at the Port Commission's "Preview of Things to Come" last week were, from left, Al Brown, secretary-treasurer, Milk Wagon Drivers 302; Charles F. Jones, president, Retail Clerks 870; Thomas J. Sweeney, business manager, Electrical Workers 1245; Marsh; M. F. Damas, financial secretary, Automotive Machinists 1546; Arthur M. Wade, president, Communications Workers 9415, and Elias L. (Al) Arellano, business manager, Sheet Metal Workers 216. See story inside.

Rumford gets BTC's near-endorsement

Without making a formal endorsement, Building Trades Council delegates indicated a preference for Assemblyman William Byron Rumford (D-Berkeley) for Alameda County's new State Senate seat Tuesday night.

This came about after the council's President Paul Jones and Business Representative J. L. Childers asked for permission to use their own names to help Rumford win the endorsement of the Alameda County AFLCIO Council on Political Education.

Most of the discussion centered around whether it was proper to take even this action in advance of COPE endorsements.

OTHER CANDIDATES

Other announced candidates for the Democratic primary for the new 11th District seat are Assemblyman Nicholas C. Petris (D-East Oakland) and Superior Judge Victor Wagler.

There was also some discussion on the relative merits of Assemblyman Rumford and Petris. President Jones and Business Representative Childers were emphatic in their declaration that Rumford always listened to unionists' problems. They also stressed that Rumford has seniority, having been an assemblyman since 1949.

Toys needed for children in Delano

The Central Labor Council's new Work Experience Program for youths from poverty-level families in Oakland was visited by Jack Howard, national director of the U.S. Neighborhood Youth Corps, Monday.

He saw:

- Fifteen youths in the Machine and Plumbing Shop refurbishing bicycles and other toys for children of grape strikers in the Delano area.

- A crew of youths repairing the rock wall around the edge of Lake Merritt, and

- The project's clerical staff in the Labor Temple.

Project youths are also making new wooden toys for the strikers' children.

And a drive among unions and their members to collect new or good used toys to be sent to Delano was announced by the Central Labor Council.

ONLY BAY AREA VISIT

The youth program—second to be sponsored by the Labor Council—was picked by Howard for his only such visit in the Bay Area because of its unique nature.

The \$561,854 project provides full-time work for 244 high school dropouts and part-time jobs for 120 boys and girls who are still in school—all under direct supervision of trained union craftsmen.

It is one of the few NYC projects sponsored by a labor organization.

Howard conferred first with Project Director Paul Katz and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash and Executive

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R. L. BURGESS

Louis Burgess, former editor of EBLJ, dies

Robert Louis Burgess, 74, editor of the East Bay Labor Journal from 1947 to 1960, died of complications from a heart condition in Palo Alto Hospital Nov. 30.

Funeral services, held last Friday, were attended by a number of representatives of the Alameda County labor move-

Tribute was paid to Louis Burgess at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting. Among those who spoke were Executive Secretary-Treasurer Robert S. Ash and Executive Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx of the council and Joe W. Chaudet, general manager of the East Bay Labor Journal. Their remarks will be summarized next week.

Delegates adjourned in memory of Burgess.

ment. Burgess was buried in Alta Mesa Cemetery, Los Altos.

Widely hailed for building the East Bay Labor Journal into a publication whose editorial comments on matters of concern to trade unions and their members received nationwide recognition, Burgess came to Alameda County following a distinguished career in journalism.

He was also a revered figure in
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CLC meetings cancelled

The Central Labor Council has voted to cancel its meetings for the remainder of December because of the AFLCIO convention and the holiday season.

'Unionize scavenger drivers'

An organizing campaign to unionize the Oakland Scavenger Co. was kicked off this week by Teamsters 70.

Business Agent Don Costa asked all subscribers of the East Bay Labor Journal to fold their paper so the ad on page 4 is showing and insert it in the handle of their garbage can lid the day before their garbage pickup.

"This is how we hope to get our union message to the 282 drivers and helpers of the Oakland Scavenger Co.," Costa declared.

He noted that employers of many other scavenger companies

in the Bay Area enjoy the benefits of union representation and said Oakland Scavenger is the "largest non-union" garbage collection firm in the area.

Urging drivers to vote for the Teamsters in a forthcoming representation election, Costa said the union will help win:

- Protection from unfair firing.
- Time-and-a-half pay for overtime and holidays.
- Pensions.
- Hospital insurance.
- Seniority protection.
- Life insurance.
- Paid vacations and holidays.

HOW TO BUY

Consumer education attacked

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

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The Advertising Federation of America has launched another attack on consumer education.

This time, the attack is aimed at consumer courses in the public schools—which actually are rare—and, specifically, at one at Lincoln High School in Mount Vernon, New York, in cooperation with Consumers Union.

This program introduced consumer education into several courses.

For example, in some of the science classes, the students studied the chemistry of medicines and cosmetics. In economics, they studied the protection of the consumer by private and government agencies, purchasing, renting or buying a home, etc. In home economics classes, they studied budgeting.

Some math classes studied how to tell the true annual interest rate various lenders and sellers charge. One session, with the help of a local car dealer, showed what to look for in buying a used car. In some of the English classes, students analyzed language used in ads.

This is all useful information which these youngsters will need when they get out of school and establish families and homes, and it also helps teach youngsters to think for themselves.

THE ATTACK of the Advertising Federation was exaggerated to the point of wildness.

The federation charged that consumer education programs "unfairly influence our school children's thinking and create doubt and suspicion in their minds as to the integrity and dependability of the country's business firms and their advertising practices."

The federation further charged that the "latest campaign is . . . aided and encouraged by the same people who have been active consumer agitators in recent years . . . (and) will bode ill for our business systems if it is allowed to spread across the country."

OFTEN SUCH ATTACKS do not come from businessmen themselves but are started by business association officials.

This was noticeable in the attacks by business organizations on the consumer-business conferences sponsored in four cities last year by Esther Peterson, the President's consumer assistant.

One of the most exaggerated attacks on the consumer conferences was made by the Advertising Federation. It charged that "those who attend are being impressed with the idea that they should distrust business and question the truthfulness of all advertising. Thus Mrs. Peterson is doing irreparable damage to the reputation of American businessmen and the advertising industry—perhaps unwittingly."

IN THE CASE of the attack on the consumer education course, again there seems evidence that it is not the members of the association as much as the federation officials who are raising unnecessary alarm.

In a telephone interview with a spokesman for the federation, which soon reached the shouting level on his part, we tried to find out if there were any actual objections from members of the federation.

The federation is composed of ad agencies, advertisers, public relations men and local ad clubs.

There were "several" complaints, the federation official said. He refused to say who, or how many complaints out of his 800 members—just "several."

Since the federation had condemned consumer "programs," we asked what other schools had given them.

He could cite only one other, in St. Paul Minn., at which, he shouted, "not a single representative of business was there, nor were any invited." He said he objected to school children being used as "pawns."

WHEN ASKED about the large amount of business materials being used by teachers in the schools, he did not know, for example, that finance company associations distributed to public schools hundreds of thousands of pamphlets tending to encourage installment buying, and concealing the true costs.

Consumer courses are useful not only because they teach students how to make the most of their money, but because the children bring this information home. Parents should encourage such courses, as did the Lincoln High School P.T.A.

Teachers and government agencies need not fear the wrath of businessmen if they do provide consumer education.

What They Wore...by PHYLLIS JOYCE



John Q. is in a confident mood

The average American consumer is confident that his prosperity will continue.

And he's ready to spend.

So says the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research.

Commenting on its latest quarterly study, the center said:

"At present there are no indications of doubt or uncertainty about the continuation of good times, unlike in 1956 and in 1962 when many people entertained the notion that prosperity could not endure without interruption over a period of several years."

"The expectation of a recession is now less common than at any time during the last 15 years, and an unusually large proportion of people expect still further income increases."

The war in Vietnam has contributed to the belief that the American economy will remain at least as healthy as it is now. Most consumers do not now consider inflation a serious threat, the study showed.

Kaiser sued

Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. is defendant in a \$9 million federal anti-trust suit in San Francisco. Aluminum Company of America is named as a co-conspirator but is not a defendant in the suits.

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More pay, but prices up, too

Bay Area factory workers' earnings rose 4.2 per cent during the 12 months ending in September.

But higher consumer prices whittled away some of the increase. The buying power for the average factory worker with three dependents increased only three per cent after taxes and adjustment for higher living costs.

The average gross earnings of \$133.25 were shaved down to \$116.66 take-home pay for a worker with three dependents because of payroll deductions.

In terms of 1957-59 dollars, this worker's paycheck is only \$103.51.

The worker with no dependents who had a gross 1965 pay of \$133.25 a week, and took home only \$106.83, which is \$94.79 in 1957-59 dollars.

This housewife knew first-hand

At least one California housewife won't blame the cost of her food purchases on "high wages" for farm workers.

The Los Angeles Citizen quoted a letter from a Sacramento housewife. With a friend, she put in a six hour stint picking tomatoes. They earned \$17 for picking 3,650 pounds of tomatoes.

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A few words for UNION CONSUMERS

THE HIGH cost of living got higher in October.

Nationwide, the consumer price index hit a new peak. Living costs were two-tenths of one per cent above those during September, and 1.8 per cent above a year earlier.

Although November figures aren't available yet, the Bureau of Labor Statics predicted further rises—due mostly to rising costs of cars, clothing and foods.

In the Bay Area, retail food prices climbed three-tenths of one per cent between September and October. The Bay Area food index was 3.3 per cent higher than a year ago, but it was below the all-time high by six-tenths of one per cent. The all-time high was in July of this year.

A LOOK at the details of the Bay Area food index report shows the following:

- Biggest rise was for cereals and bakery products, up 1.1 per cent in a month.

- The "other foods at home" group advanced one-half of one per cent, led by higher prices for eggs and sugar.

- Fruits and vegetables as a group increased four-tenths of one per cent. But part of this was seasonal. The only specific items mentioned were bananas and lettuce (which went up), and apples (which went down seasonally).

Dairy prices as a group went up because of increased prices for canned milk and butter. There was a slight decline in meat, fish and poultry prices.

ONLY ONE of these items—lettuce—could be connected with the current drive to raise farm wages.

Cereals and flour for bakery products are not involved in efforts to unionize farm workers, or in the end of the bracero program. Neither are eggs.

Cane sugar workers in Louisiana and Hawaii have been unionized for some time. Bananas come from Central America, where labor is far cheaper than it is here.

And unionization of dairy workers, at least in California, is far older than that of sugar cane cutters.

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan (D-Berkeley), the leading expert on farm labor in the House of Representatives, summed up the situation in his speech before that body Oct. 20:

"While the cries of 'wolf' have frequently been heard, the facts indicate, quite poignantly, that production is high and that field labor costs exert little, if any, pressure on the prices of produce."

Cohelan cited eight crops which formerly used foreign workers. For the previous week, five were priced lower than during the comparable week in 1964, three were higher.

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Youth Corps chief visits CLC project

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Assistant Secretary Richard K. Groulx of the Labor Council.

Then he saw 45 young women doing clerical work in the Labor Temple under supervision of Eula de Cordova, Beatrice June and Juanita Curtis, all members of Office Employees 29.

When Howard visited the Lake Merritt project, the water had been lowered about two feet to enable the youths to do their difficult job of replacing rocks and repairing the concrete top of the retaining wall around the edge of the lake.

The 15 youths were supervised by James Green, a member of Construction Laborers 304.

SPECIAL COMMENT

The Machine and Plumbing Shop work, involving another 15 youths in a building at Eighth avenue and The Embarcadero under the leadership of Bob Forrest of Automotive Machinists 1546, came in for special comment at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting.

It was reported that 300 wheelbarrows, hobby horses and iron-

ing boards have been built by the youths in the project for the Delano children under the direction of Bob Heffley, a member of Carpenters 36.

They will be taken to Delano and presented to the AFLCIO Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee for striking families Dec. 18.

TOY DRIVE FOR AWOC

Unions and union members who would like to gather more new or good used toys for the Delano youngsters should bring them to the Central Labor Council office by that date, it was announced.

If they are wrapped, a label should be attached to each, stating the sex and age of the child for whom the gift is intended. Otherwise, the youths in the project will wrap and label the gifts.

Further gifts of food and money for the Delano strikers were reported to the Labor Council for their unions by: Dan Silva, Commercial Telegraphers 208; Bob Bergstresser, National Association of Broadcast Em-

ployees and Technicians 51; Charles Wallenberger, Peralta Teachers 1603; Dick Albert, Chabot Teachers 1440 and Bob Williams, Printing Specialties District Council 5.

NURSERY STRIKE

Executive Assistant Secretary Groulx reported to delegates that he and Executive Secretary-Treasurer Ash would meet Thursday with a United Crusade group to request \$17,000 to care for children left stranded by closing of the Berkeley Day Nursery School.

They will also ask the Crusade to use its good offices to mediate the differences between the nursery school and Teachers Local 1630, Groulx said.

Meanwhile, Groulx reported to delegates, picketing has stopped but will be resumed if the nursery school board attempts to reopen the day care facility without rehiring four fired union members.

Thirty-three of the 60 children from the school are being cared for at the present time by the union, Groulx said.

Labor officials tour Port of Oakland Industrial Park

The Port of Oakland Industrial Park—which in three years has attracted 14 firms hiring 481 persons—was toured by labor and business representatives last week.

Following the tour and a luncheon at Metropolitan Oakland International Airport, they were told by H. C. (Bud) Marsh, port properties manager, a \$530,000 street program in the industrial park near Nimitz freeway and Hegenberger road is opening up an additional 63 acres for development.

Also speeding up occupancy of the park, Marsh said, is the fact that a City Charter amendment

approved by voters in April gives the Port Commission a freer hand in dealing with companies.

In the last three years, 346 new jobs have been brought to the industrial park, and agreements signed will account for about 135 more, according to Marsh. About half of the jobs are new to Oakland.

A number of other firms in the park were already in the city but had threatened to relocate elsewhere and, thus, were "saved" for Oakland, Marsh declared.

Brief comments were also made by Edward G. Brown, president of the port commission.



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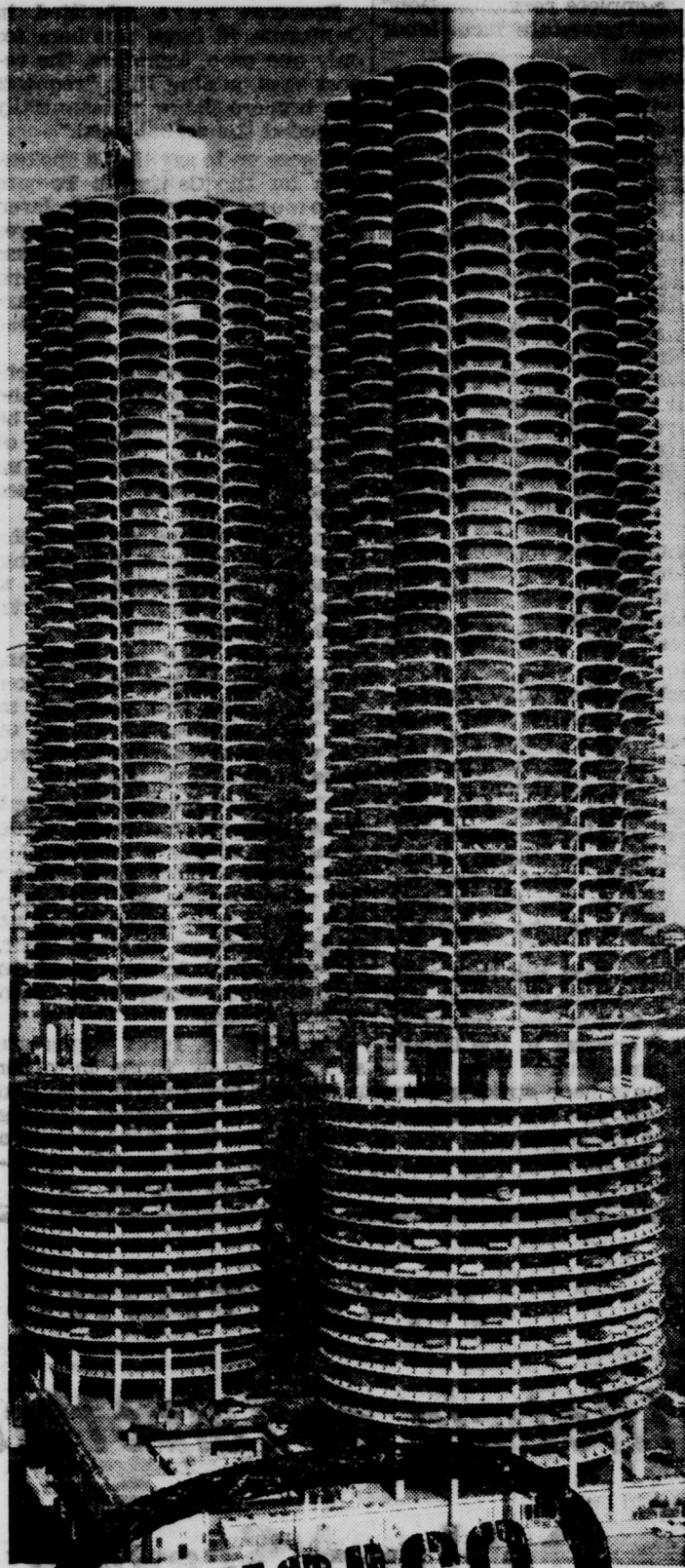
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Panel debunks phony press releases of the big growers

"Despite the end of the bracero program, 1965 was an excellent year for California agriculture."

This is the finding of the California Farm Labor Panel of Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz. Its final report recommends:

- Wages "which will make California agriculture competitive with other industries for labor."

- Federal action to raise farm pay across the nation to at least minimum wage levels for other industries.

- Adequate housing for farm worker families and tighter regulation of existing migrant camps.

- A "complete reexamination" of present interstate farm labor recruitment.

- Better reporting of farm labor needs, employment and earnings.

- Adequate field toilets for both men and women workers.

HAILED BY PITTS

The report was hailed by Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts of the California Labor Federation, AFLCIO.

Pitts said its findings "document the California Labor Federation's stand on the bracero issue in virtually all major areas and lays the blame for an inadequate labor supply in the few crops where this occurred right where it belongs—at the growers' door."

Pitts cited the report's statement that "the most important factor in attracting additional domestic workers to farm labor this year was a higher wage level."

He added that this "demonstrates the truth of what we in organized labor have said all along—that the problem in farm labor has always been a wage shortage, not a labor shortage."

"We particularly concur with the report's conclusion that 'above all else, what is required is a change in the expectations and attitudes of the growers,'" Pitts said.

"We hope that the first positive step in this direction will be taken in the near future by the grape growers in the Delano area, where more than 3,000 workers have been striking since Sept. 8 for just \$1.40 an hour and union recognition."

REVENUES HIGH

Contract foreign labor ac-

counted for only 2.7 per cent of man-hours worked on California farms this year, compared with a 1959-64 average of 26.3 per cent, the farm labor panel said.

In addition to making "tens of thousands" of additional jobs available for domestic workers, the changeover was accompanied by gross farm revenues generally higher than in 1964.

Domestic workers were attracted by higher wages and the knowledge that they were no longer competing with Mexicans for jobs, the report said. It added that "in general, wages tended to approach and in some cases exceeded" Secretary Wirtz' \$1.40 minimum.

Braceros were admitted in California in large numbers for only one crop, tomatoes, the report says, adding that "requests for bracero labor substantially exceeded the actual need."

It goes on to say that a spokesman for the California Tomato Growers Association declared later his organization "will never again ask for braceros" because of success with its U.S. workers, development of mechanical harvesters and "a desire to be free of government regulations."

Some crop losses in strawberries occurred, according to the panel, but they can only be blamed in part on scarcity of workers. It said there was no apparent shortage of lettuce harvesters.

Valencia orange growers, the panel went on, ran into trouble because they decided to go it alone rather than offer Wirtz' \$1.40 minimum.

A "major loss" in white asparagus was blamed on a worker shortage. But this was due to the hard, unpleasant nature of the work coupled with low piece rates, according to the panel.

"This year's record shows that great progress has been made toward a wholly domestic (i.e. non-bracero) farm labor force," the panel concluded. "In addition, those who argued that no Americans would do stoop labor, or could climb trees or work in high temperatures, have been proven wrong."

Nevertheless, farm wages are still far below those in other industries, and raising them and providing good worker housing must be the first steps toward a permanent solution of the problem, the panel emphasized.

Retail Clerks Union 870

BY CHARLES F. JONES

Local 870 is happy to inform our readers that Al Hanson, former Business Manager of Local 1245, IBEW, and delegate to the Central Labor Council, has opened a liquor store at 1201 A St., Hayward, Al, true to the best traditions of the labor movement, did not wait to have the union contact him in regard to operating a union store; he called the local before his building was completed and asked for a union contract and a good union employee. He would appreciate your mentioning your union affiliation while patronizing his store. Local 870 wishes success to Al Hanson in his new endeavor.

DRUG PENSION

The second meeting between the drug employers and the clerks' unions on improvement in the drug pension plan was held last week in San Francisco. To expedite matters it was agreed that a committee of four representatives from management and four from the unions be the negotiating committee. Another meeting is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 10.

Important: We wish to call to your attention that should a situation arise where an attempt is made by company security officers to interrogate you with reference to dishonesty or irregular cash register procedure, you have the right to request that a union representative be present. We recently had a case where, after being questioned for four hours, our member signed a confession for an offense that he had not committed, simply because the lengthy questioning had him well confused. He was subsequently cleared after the union held several meetings with the company. Had a union official been present the confession would probably not have been signed as the union could have established his innocence at the questioning.

DEATH ASSESSMENT

The November death assessment was due and payable with November dues. Any member who failed to mail it in please do so immediately.

California leads

California leads the nation in the number of job training projects under the Manpower Development and Training Act, according to Secretary of Labor Willard Wirtz.

Burglars break into new Teamsters 853 building

Burglars stole office equipment worth \$4,000 and \$148 in cash when they broke into the new building of Teamsters Warehousemen 853 at 8055 Collins Dr. last weekend.

Local 853 lost five electric typewriters, a refrigerator and two large lamps. Teamsters Retail Delivery Drivers 588, in the same building, lost one electric typewriter and \$148 in cash.

Burglars also tried unsuccessfully to break open a safe in Local 853's office and ransacked desks and files, according to Frank Farro, secretary-treasurer.

Denk nominates veeps

Herb Denk, business agent for Bakery and Confectionery Workers 119, Oakland, placed the names of the union's nine incumbent international vice-presidents into nomination at the recent convention in Montreal.

Barbers 134

BY JOHN A. MONTE JR.

We offer our most humble apologies to Sister Mabel Dixon. When we announced the nominations for officers and delegates in this column we unintentionally put Brother S. C. Cooper as running for Central Labor Council when this should have been sister Dixon. Brother Chamorro is running for Northern California Council.

We urge our members to buy supplies from only those dealers who are members of Local No. 1002. Only Max and Gary Kruse from Kruse Brothers and M. L. Sherman from Decklemans are members in the Bay Area. These are the only dealers we should patronize. If you need something so desperately that you can't wait until one of our members from No. 1002 contacts you I'm sure if you called them and asked they would send it out to you by a union man. Make sure you receive your supplies from a union man and that you order only from a union member. I'm certain these two supply houses have everything that you might need.

Remember, patronizing a non-union supply house is just like a union man patronizing a scab barber shop. Let's not scab on our own union.

Hotel workers in Bldg. Service 18 receive increase

A one year interim wage increase of eight cents an hour has been granted to upwards of 400 members of Building Service Employees 18 by the East Bay Hotel Association, according to Vic Brandt, Local 18 secretary.

The association represents major hotels, motels and motor hotels in Alameda County.

The across-the-board increase was granted in some 22 classifications, including maids, bellmen and porters. In addition, all clerks received increases ranging from 10 to 12 cents an hour.

The hotel association was represented by W. J. Dykehouse. Brandt led the union's negotiating team.

These increases are fully retroactive to Nov. 1, and the entire hotel agreement can be opened as of Nov. 1, 1966, according to Brandt.

Printing Specialties Union

BY FREDRICK T. SULLIVAN

The union has leased the Grand Lake Theater in Oakland again for the Children's Christmas Party. Selected cartoon shorts will be shown starting at 10 a.m. Santa Claus will distribute his gifts and candy, and the kids will have a good time. Bring your union card and children to the theater on Saturday, Dec. 18, and we guarantee all a good time. We expect 500 children; so don't be late for the show.

The credit union now has a full-time man on duty from 9 to 5 each day. The service is fast; so for those Christmas loans, contact our credit union. It is also a good place to save.

All contracts have been negotiated and signed for this year. We were able to get a five cent voluntary increase in Corrugated and Western Waxide. This was in addition to the six cents and 7½ cents already provided in the contract. Nobody complained.

The attendance at the union meetings has been very disappointing. Many people are requesting that the fine system be reactivated. This we hate to do, but it appears the members have to be pressured into attending their union meetings. A sad thing.

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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 761 12th St., Oakland, starting in January, 1966.

Our next regular meeting will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17, 1965, at the above stated address.

Your secretary was in error regarding the stewards meeting for December, 1965, and this meeting will be held on the fifth Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 30, 1965. Stewards, please take note.

There will be a special called meeting at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 6, 1966, to vote on the election of delegates to the California State Council of Carpenters Convention, which will be held in February, 1966, at Santa Barbara, Calif.

Starting in January, 1966, the dues of all Carpenters will be \$7.50 per month.

Season's greetings to you and yours.

Fraternally,
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,
Rec. Secty.

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MILLMEN'S 550

The next regular meeting of Millmen's Local 550 will be held on Friday, Dec. 17, 1965, at 8 p.m., Hall D, second floor, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Members who are out of work are reminded that they must register each week to remain on the out of work list.

Effective this month all members in arrears will have to square up all arrears or their employer will be notified to terminate their employment in January 1966.

The dues to this local will be increased by 25 cents effective with January dues. The Blood Bank will be \$1.00 for the year 1966 instead of 50 cents as it was in 1965.

Fraternally,
JACK ARCHIBALD,
Rec. Secty.

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STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Regular meeting Thursday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. Executive Board meets 6:30 p.m. President Ernie Perry and Secretary Dave Arca will attend the Steelworkers L.E. meeting in Fresno on Dec. 18 and 19. Come to our January meetings for a report.

Fraternally,
DAVE ARCA,
Secty.

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BERKELEY CARPENTERS 1158

Regular meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of each month at Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley.

Dues will be \$7.50 (seven dollars and fifty cents) as of Jan. 1, 1966.

Blood Bank assessment No. 14 is due.

Fraternally,
NICK J. AFDAMO,
Rec. Secty.

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EBMUD EMPLOYEES 444

EBMUD Local 444 will hold election of officers on Dec. 9, 1965, at the Oakland Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez streets, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Candidates for office: president M. Pontes; vice-president, C. Renne; second vice-president, M. Turner; secretary-treasurer, J. Walsh; sergeant-at-arms, L. Christian; chief steward, H. Gradin and D. Johnson; trustee, A. Becker.

Fraternally,
MANUEL PONTES,
Pres.

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PAINT MAKERS 1101

At the special meeting of Nov. 16, 1965, the basic monthly dues were raised from \$5 to \$6 effective Jan. 1, 1966.

No partial payment can be credited to dues; so avoid delinquency charges by sending the proper amount.

Next regular meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Dec. 21, 1965, in Hall O of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
WILLIAM BOARDMAN,
Rec. Secty.

RETAIL CLERKS 870

Upon recommendation of the Executive Board, with approval of the membership, there will be only one membership meeting in December. The meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. in the Union Auditorium, 6537 Foothill Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
CHARLES F. JONES,
Pres.

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AUTO AND SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be at 8 p.m. Dec. 21 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

The meeting of Dec. 21 will be a Christmas meeting. Upon adjournment, 20 turkeys will be distributed among the members in attendance.

Fraternally,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Bus. Rep.

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LINOLEUM LAYERS 1290

The next regular meeting of Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Layers Local 1290 will be held on Thursday, Dec. 16, 1965, at 8 p.m. in Hall D at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Fraternally,
GLENN A. MCINTIRE,
Rec. Secty.

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CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The regular meeting of Alameda County School Employees Local 257 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 1965, at the Electrical Workers Hall, 1918 Grove St., Oakland, Calif.

The second nominations for office and eight Executive Board members-at-large will be held. Nominations also will be held for delegates to the Central Labor Council and Alameda County COPE.

Also, nominations, election and installation of three members of the Auditing Committee will be held.

Delegates to the California State Conference of Public Employees and the international convention of AFSCME will be nominated at our December meeting for the January ballot.

All members of Local 257, please take note:

This will be your last opportunity to nominate officers and Executive Board members and delegates to the Central Labor Council and COPE who will unselfishly dedicate themselves and their time to do a good job for the union during 1966 and 1967.

The Executive Board meets at 9:30 a.m. All officers and board members, please take note.

Fraternally,
HAROLD BENNER,
Secty.

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UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Executive Board meeting Thursday, Dec. 9, 1965, 8 p.m., Local Union Office, 3315 E. 14th St., Oakland, Calif.

Board of Trustees, 7 p.m. at Local Union Office.

Regular membership meeting Friday, Dec. 17, 1965, 8 p.m., Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
EDWARD M. SOTO,
Rec. Secty.

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E.B. MUNI EMPLOYEES 390

EXECUTIVE BOARD
Thursday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., Room 220, Labor Temple.

CITY OF OAKLAND (F)
Wednesday, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., Room 220, Labor Temple.

CITY OF EL CERRITO (C)
Monday, Dec. 20, 4:30 p.m. Corporation Yard.

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL (GH)
Wednesday, Dec. 22, 8 p.m., Room 220, Labor Temple.

FAIRMONT HOSPITAL (GF)
Cancelled due to Christmas holiday

Fraternally,
DAVE JEFFERY,
Exec. Secty.

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HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

The office of the financial secretary remains open Friday evenings. Our regular meetings are held every Friday at 8 p.m.

Our social event is held the last Friday of each month.

The stewards' meeting of Carpenters Local 1622 has been changed to the second Tuesday of each month.

At our special called meeting of Friday, Oct. 15, 1965, the members present voted to assess themselves \$2 per year for the Blood Bank beginning Jan. 1, 1966.

By motion of the members present at the meeting of Friday, Nov. 12, the members voted to cancel the regular meetings of Friday, Dec. 24 and 31, 1965. All offices of the local union will be closed these two days.

The Blood Bank of Local Union 1622 is in need of blood donors. The local will pay each donor \$15 for each pint of blood given. Contact the office of the Financial Secretary for your donor slip.

Our Social Event for December will be held Friday, Dec. 10, following our regular meeting.

The Executive Board, business representatives, office personnel and employees of Carpenters Local Union 1622 wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and the best of everything in the New Year.

Our Annual Christmas Party for the children will be held Saturday, Dec. 18, 1965, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with entertainment and a package for the children. Santa will be waiting to greet you and all of the children.

Fraternally,
A. W. RICE,
Rec. Secty.

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STEAMFITTERS 342

General election of Steamfitters Union No. 342's officers for the years 1966-1967 will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1965, in Hall M of the Labor Temple, located at 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif. Voting machines will be used and the election will be conducted in accordance with Section 42, Registration and Election of Officers, of the union's Bylaws and Working Rules.

Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Secty.-Bus. Mgr.

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CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

Our regular December meeting has been postponed due to the Christmas holiday.

Fraternally,
MEL TOMPKINS,
Secty.-Treas.

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BUILDING SERVICE 18

Meeting dates fourth Friday of every month. Meetings at 3 p.m. and the regular evening meetings at 7 p.m., both at the Cooks Hall, 1608 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

Fraternally,
VIC BRANDT,
Secty.-Bus. Rep.

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BERKELEY PAINTERS 40

The next regular scheduled meeting will be held Friday, Dec. 10, 1965. The meetings of Nov. 26 and Dec. 24 are cancelled because of the holidays.

Fraternally,
GENE SLATER,
Bus. Rep.

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U.C. EMPLOYEES 371

Our next regular meeting will be held at 2 p.m. Dec. 11 at 921 Kains Ave., Albany. We will have nomination of officers at this meeting, and all members in good standing are urged to be there.

Fraternally,
W. G. WHITCOMBE,
Secty.-Treas.

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ALAMEDA CARPENTERS 194

Local 194 meets every first and third Monday at 8 p.m. with refreshments served in the canteen after each meeting on the first Monday of each month.

Members please take notice of this particular item of interest: Dues will be \$7.50 (seven dollars and fifty cents) as of Jan. 1, 1966.

Fraternally,
J. W. NIXON,
Rec. Secty.

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

The regular meetings of Lodge 1546 are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the hour of 8 p.m. at our building at 10360 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Fraternally,
DON CROSMAN,
Rec. Secty.

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PLUMBERS 444

Please be advised that the Plumbers and Gasfitters Local Union No. 444 will hold the election on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1965. The polls will be open at noon and close at 8 p.m. The voting place will be in Room 115 on the first floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

Following the closing of the polls, the next regular meeting of Plumbers and Gasfitters Local Union No. 444 will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1965, in Hall M at 8 p.m. on the third floor of the Labor Temple Building, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland, Calif.

Regular order of business.

Please make an honest effort to cast your vote for your choice and to attend your union meetings. Your union is only as strong as your participation.

Please be advised that your holiday pay will be in the Union Office on Dec. 15. This holiday pay will be for the months of July and Aug. at the rate of 27½ cents per hour worked.

Fraternally,
GEORGE A. HESS,
Bus. Mgr. &
Fin. Secty.-Treas.

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SHIPWRIGHTS 1149

Attention, members of Shipwrights Union, Local 1149:

To renew membership in the union's Blood Bank for 1966, you must have your \$2 in our office before the end of February, 1966.

Fraternally,
JAMES ALLAN,
Rec. Secty.

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PAINTERS 127

Our next regular meeting will be Dec. 9. This will be our last meeting of the year. We hope you will be there. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally,
JAMES BROWN,
Rec. Secty.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

BARBERS 134

Brothers, at our regular Nov. 18 meeting, the following were nominated for officers of Local 134:

President—A. P. Fisher, Harry Hosac.
Vice President—Donald Forfang, Harry Blasquez.
Secretary-Treasurer—Albert Mattoch, Alfred Doyle.
Business Representative—John Monte Jr., Jack Reed.
Recorder—Mabel Dixon, Ray Luciano, Norman Reid.
Guide—Mel Ferriera, Floyd Bueno.

Finance Committee—Hugh Dean, S. C. Cooper.

Guardian—to be appointed.

Northern California Council delegates—Ray Luciano, A. P. Fisher, Al Chamorro, William Murchison, Sig Olsen.

Delegates to Central Labor Council—Mel Ferriera, Sig Olsen, Mabel Dixon.

The election will be held on Monday, Dec. 20, at the Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez streets, Oakland. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. At 8 p.m., the regular meeting will start.

Brothers, remember that members must be in good standing to vote; so please pay your dues and come down Monday, Dec. 20, to vote for your 1966 officers.

Fraternally,
JACK M. REED,
Secty.-Treas.

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UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meeting held second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,
Rec. Secty.

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RUBBER WORKERS 64

Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. at Auto Workers Hall, 1406 Seminary Ave., Oakland.

Fraternally,
LESLIE PLOWRIGHT,
Pres.

Notice served on RRs

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen has demanded that major U.S. railroads reinstate thousands of locomotive helpers (firemen), re-employ men laid off under a compulsory arbitration ruling, and establish an adequate training program for all firemen.

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF STEAMFITTERS LOCAL UNION 342

Election on Sunday, December 12, 1965

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Millmen 550

BY CLYDE JOHNSON

There will be resolutions on organizing at our state convention in February. We will propose a resolution to our memos to be sent on to the convention. My proposal will include the following:

- Concentrate on organizing mills, prefab yards and shops in Central and Northern California in rural areas or small towns.

- Establish Bay Area contract rates and conditions in the contracts in the other district even if strikes are necessary.

- Establish a working arrangement with the Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee (AWOC) for coordination of efforts in places and at times effective for both organizations.

- Solicit aid of industrial relations or sociology students from the universities and state colleges for a specific summer project.

- Assign staff members from the State Council or the 8th District Organizing Campaign to direct projects.

While many details would have to be filled in, this outline for

a resolution is sufficient for convention action.

We found out during our mill strike that many mills and prefab yards outside the Bay Area are non-union. We found that you could phone an order for precut material before 3 p.m. and have it delivered to a jobsite by 8 a.m. next day. We can't live with this situation. We cannot let scab mills destroy us. The only answer is to organize.

We know agricultural workers fill jobs on farms and in the mills. There are members of 550 who came direct from the field to the shop. Agricultural wages form the base line for wages in other industries. To establish Bay Area rates in other districts for our industry, farm labor must be unionized.

The need for unions is just about the same as it was in the 1930's. We are stronger now. We are fat and soft for lack of exercise. Young members can't appreciate the battle we had then (except at Colony Furniture) because they got it through contracts already established. There are few secrets to organizing. It takes guts and hard work. It's time to go again.

Look for the union shop card, ask for a union clerk to serve you, and demand the union label!

Steel Machinists 1304

BY DAVE ARCA

Hi, Ho, ho, ho. 'Tis the season to be jolly, except it leads to financial folly. Sure hope some of you read the fine buying tips of Sidney Margolius in the East Bay Labor Journal. We pay to have the Journal sent to you; if you don't read it, you're the loser.

Unions are in the same category. Many members reject unions until the boss rejects them. Then the union is their last hope. It happens time and time again.

Oh well, such is life in the Far West. And the East. And South, and North. 1966 should be another good year for Americans. Economically, that is. Politically, workers will determine their own destiny at the polls.

Of necessity, there are more workers than employers. There are also more Democrats than Republicans. But workers are not necessarily Democrats, and Democrats do not always support workers.

So we who work for a living must support candidates favorable to workers. Failure to do so

gives control of our destiny to legislators unsympathetic to workers. Witness the election of Senator Murphy, who voted against medicare, against aid to education, against repeal of 14(b) and against every piece of legislation favorable to workers. If we don't learn from our mistakes, we deserve our ignorance. Okay? Okay.

Watchmakers Local 101

BY GEORGE F. ALLEN

We finally received in the union office the AGE-signed union agreement. Although we had been informed that this agreement was signed, we only obtained the copy of the agreement with the help of the Alameda County Central Labor Council.

This month we shall notify the San Mateo County employers of the union's desire to put into effect the new agreement, to become effective March 1, 1966.

The chain stores in San Mateo County have already signed the new agreement. It was signed in San Francisco on Oct. 15, 1965.

CLOCK REPAIR

If any of you are looking for a trade repair shop, or if you are interested in referring customers to a clock repair shop, Gilbert Tavares, 791 San Carlos, Mountain View, one of our members, desires your cooperation. His phone number is 968-9333.

There will be no Executive Board meeting this month, as voted at the last meeting.

Steamfitters Local 342

BY JIM MARTIN

We wish again to remind you that this coming Sunday, Dec. 12, the election of general officers of our union will be held. Voting will be conducted in Hall M and the polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Members of this union only may pick up their vacation checks on election day.

A short membership meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., so kindly arrange your affairs accordingly.

At our last membership meeting, President Wilson read the following names of our deceased members, after which members present stood in respectful silence to their memory: Clarence Speer, Jack Franklin, James Dawson, Ed Borneman, Bud Jackson, Roy Marks, Carl Thom, Mack Butler, Hal Brooks, George Burzo, Walter Bristow, R. H. Klemm, Henry Nelson, Jack Jagger, Henry Johnston, Dave Joslin, Earl Spangler, Jack Bennett, Roy Humphreys, Bob Hermann, D. C. Whittle, Bernard Peterson, Clarence Meaders and George Heinz.

Beginning Dec. 13, vacation checks for Travel Card members will be available at our Business Office. On Thursday, Dec. 16, our Union Office will be open from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to distribute the balance of vacation checks. Vacation checks for Travel Card members will not be given out on election day, Dec. 12.

GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT, TOO

When you buy your wife, daughter, mother or sweetheart a gift of wearing apparel with the ILGWU label, you also give yourself a gift.

It's the gift of more security! You protect your own pay envelope when you buy products made by ILGWU members.

In turn they are able to buy the products or services which you produce. Thus one union member helps another and job security is greater for all. So pick out a lovely dress, skirt, robe, blouse, pajamas or other apparel for your loved ones. Make it a "two gifts for one" holiday!



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Paint Makers 1101

BY EDWARD MORGAN

Please be advised that Paint Makers Union, Local No. 1101, now makes available to all companies on a signed agreement, a Union Label for paints and kindred products.

The companies that have signed the Union Label agreement with Local No. 1101 are listed below:

Boysen Paint Co., B&W Paint Co., Caldwell Paint Co., Crown Paint Co., Frank W. Dunne Paint Co., Eden Paint Co., Eikeberg's Paint Co., The Flecto Co., Inc., Gibson Paint Co., Golden West Paint Co., Intercoastal Corp., Morwear Paint Co.

Perfection Paint Co., Rich Paint Co., Seal Tuff Paint Co., Standard Paint Co., Star Paint Co., Stein-Hall Co., Inc., Sterling Paint Co., A. H. Thompson Paint Co., Triangle Paint Co., Tri-City Paint Co., Yates & Smart Paint Co.

Any further information desired, please call 893-2480, Paint Makers Union, Local No. 1101.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Sheet Metal Credit Union

BY BERT TONZI

In this, the Christmas season, your credit union officials want to extend their season's greetings. This is the time when giving is worldwide, and this is when the members need help. A call to your credit union office can often solve the shopping problem with only one payment. Our cash-in-hand policy saves you the service charges at many stores. Our low interest rates and convenient repayment plans will make next year easier.

If you are not yet a member, join during the Christmas rush and give yourself and your family the best ever. Remember, we are your credit union, and we are here to serve you. Use us for savings, and also as a friendly loan company. Remember, the future is yours.

To join, write P. O. Box 2833, Rockridge Station, Oakland 946-18, or call 563-0996, and all information will be sent by return mail. For the personal touch, see my friend Bill Mansell at the Union Office on Tuesday nights from 8 to 9:15. He has all the information at his fingertips.

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Louis Burgess, former editor of Labor Journal, dies at 74

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union circles because he was one of the early "martyrs" of the American Newspaper Guild.

In 1934, just one month after a Newspaper Guild unit was formed in San Francisco, and seven days after he was elected its chairman, Burgess was fired for union activity. Burgess was one of the signers of the "Examiner Manifesto" which led to formation of what is now the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild.

The Newspaper Guild fought the case bitterly through the procedures of the then-new National Labor Relations Board but ultimately lost.

It is believed, however, that this—the opening round in a series of battles between the Newspaper Guild and Hearst newspapers, particularly in San Francisco -- strengthened the new union and attracted nationwide attention to its efforts to improve wages and job security for working newspapermen.

Burgess remained one of the strongest supporters of the Guild, even though he was, in effect, blacklisted from newspapers for several years.

He worked for the New Deal's Agricultural Adjustment Administration and later for the U.S. Department of Agriculture during these years.

Burgess won his jobs with the federal government after his Guild battle brought him to the attention of then-Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace.

In 1943, Burgess became labor editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, a post which he held until joining the East Bay Labor Journal.

LUMBER WORKER

Burgess' early years were spent as a lumber worker and farm hand. A native of Tampa, Florida, he was the son of a former seaman who became a head sawyer in lumber mills in the South and later the Pacific Northwest.

Louis, as he was called by almost all who knew him, started work in the mills at 14 and followed his family "from one company town to another," he said in a story he wrote when hired by the East Bay Labor Journal.

He recalled working an 11 hour day for one dollar in Louisiana. Later, in Oregon, he became a setter on the carriage in a lumber mill and earned \$2.25 for 10 hours' work.

Burgess came to California as a young man and worked on farms near Hayward and Los Gatos. It was when he was living near San Jose that he met his future wife, Minnie Franklin, the daughter of Perry Franklin, who had organized the first Painters' Union in Denver and later was secretary of the San Jose Building Trades Council.

Educated in the classics by his father, Burgess later taught himself several languages, including Latin and Greek. He was a poet as well as a prose writer and wrote poetry in several languages.

While living in Santa Clara County, Burgess decided to enter newspaper work. He became a reporter on San Jose papers and rose to the post of editor of the San Jose News.

In 1927, Burgess joined the San Francisco News-Call Bulletin, which recently merged with the Examiner. He went to work for the Examiner the following year, after his reportorial skill was recognized by William Randolph Hearst.

FIRST PROFESSIONAL

Burgess was the first professional newspaperman employed by the East Bay Labor Journal, as part of a program designed to make the paper a major voice in Alameda County affairs.

His editorials and his column, "Report to Our Reader-Owners," had a wide influence in the East Bay and were quoted by labor newspapers across the nation.

Burgess never shied away from controversial subjects. He believed that labor newspapers should comment on the things about unions that needed improving, as well as the good points.

His philosophy of labor journalism also included outspoken comment in the political arena, and he played an important role in the growth of Alameda County unions in political strength.

10th ANNIVERSARY

On March 1, 1957, Burgess observed his 10th anniversary as editor, and the East Bay Labor Journal changed to a compact, modern tabloid format—which it still has.

In his "Report to our Reader-Owners,"—his page one column—Burgess expressed the view that "we've at least begun" the task of building a labor paper with a reputation for fighting and integrity.

The following week, he summed up the philosophy of the labor paper he had helped build by telling why he received so many brickbats as editor:

"1. We print news that many labor papers don't print because it doesn't make labor seem an angel of light.

"2. We stir up uncomfortable subjects in our editorials in which it is strongly hinted that not only business and government, but labor itself needs to reform.

"3. We discuss politics too much and too vigorously."

In June, 1960, Burgess retired. Since then, he has been spending his time writing and gardening at his home in Palo Alto.

Crowell swears in four Labor Council delegates

Four new delegates were sworn in by President Russell Crowell at last week's Central Labor Council meeting.

They were: Carl Jaramillo, Paint Makers 1101; Patricia Smeltzer and Stanton Sommers, Peralta Teachers 1603, and Richard J. Travers, Washington Township Teachers 1494.

Better jobs for Negroes

The number of Negroes and other minority group members holding upper and middle grade federal government jobs has increased substantially for the fourth straight year, according to Chairman John W. Macy Jr. of the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

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It's been 10 years since AFL & CIO said 'I do'

It has been 10 years since the merger of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations took place on the national level.

Some said the merger would never work. Others saw it as a solution to virtually all problems of organized labor.

The united labor movement which has resulted is stronger, but it is also more complacent. Perhaps its more militant parts have become less militant, and some of its conservative elements a little more progressive. The merger is still going on, in reality.

We are still solving our internal problems, probably with greater success than before the merger. There is still plenty of room for dissent within the AFLCIO. But, like a big corporation, which it resembles in some other ways, the merged labor movement does not accept dissenters within its inner circle. Labor's high command is still a closed circle.

Despite the merger, labor has not solved the problem of what to do about automation, although at the present time higher employment has quieted much of the discussion on this subject.

Labor still looks to the past, although some of its more enlightened leaders are beginning to seek ways to meet the needs — and win the support — of the younger professional, semi-professional and other white collar workers.

Having won laws to protect the worker, labor now is in danger of becoming an entrenched bureaucracy, a partner of government in enforcing these laws and in some unions not much else.

Labor has grappled with the problem of civil rights, but there is no real alliance between it and those dedicated to ending discrimination based on skin color in all parts of our national life. Labor brags about its political power on the one hand, but it admits it cannot even win repeal of a small part of the Taft-Hartley Law. And it admits that even the shaky congressional alliance which has given the Johnson Administration its great legislative victories is in danger of falling apart after next November. Furthermore, the Great Society programs which labor helped push are only a start in meeting the real needs of the American people.

This is the state of the House of Labor 10 years after the merger.

New hope for Oakland

John V. Lindsay, a young Republican congressman, was elected mayor of heavily-Democratic New York City largely because weary New Yorkers saw in him a spark of hope that an enlightened attack would be launched against the overwhelming problems of their once-great metropolis.

These include slums, crime, racial tensions, unemployment, traffic congestion, and schools swamped by an avalanche of pupils and problems.

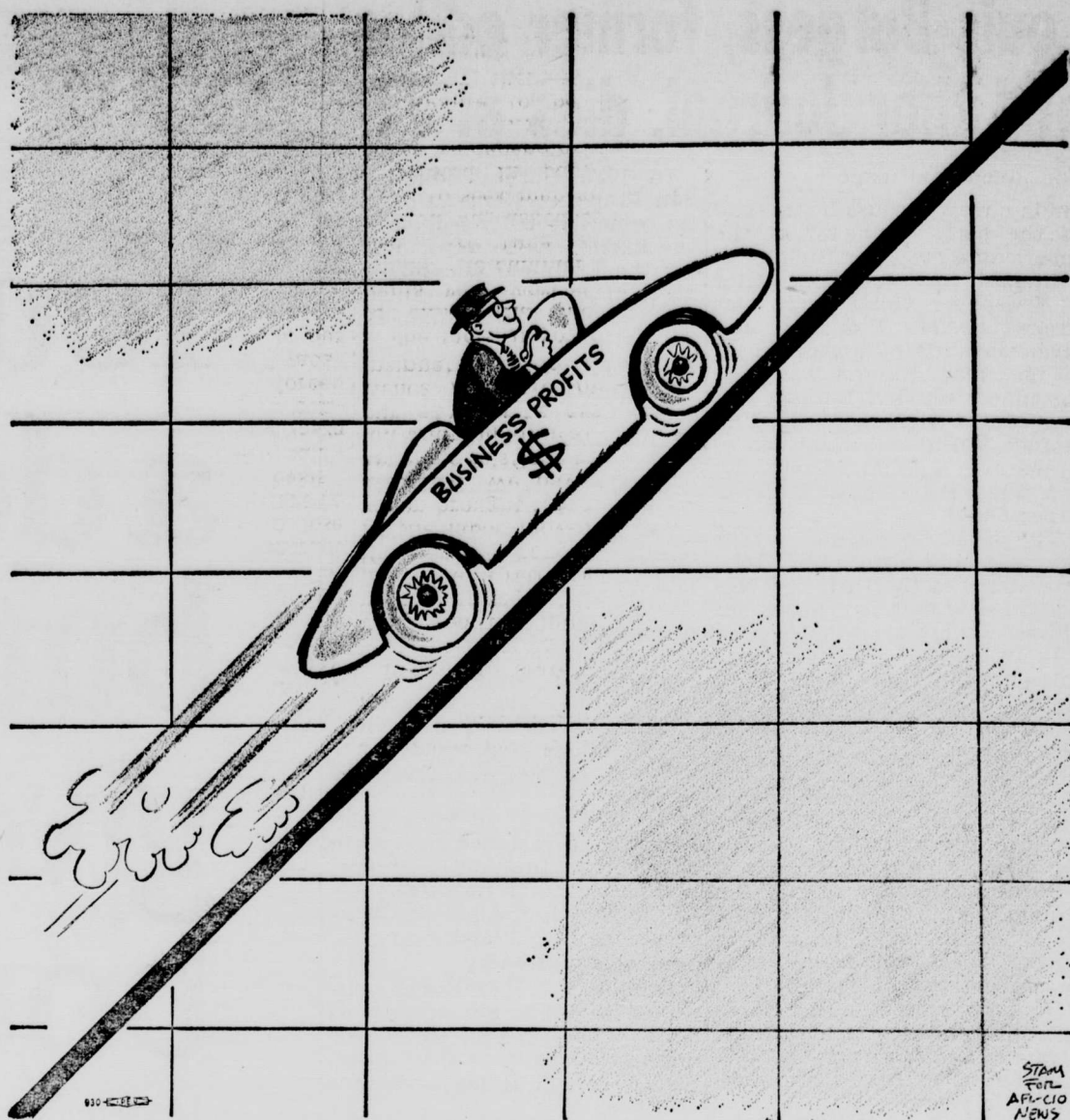
In a different sense, Oakland and most older cities share some of these problems. One aspect of the urban dilemma is that businesses and jobs have moved to the suburbs, along with many of the younger, more affluent people. Downtown business and commercial districts have languished in many cities.

In Oakland, the situation has reached the point where many business leaders are resigned to the fact. The downtown area is no longer a magnet either for shoppers or merchants. Both are increasingly being lured elsewhere, along with jobs. And the trend has captured industry and business concerns, as well.

To us, the proposed City Center Project, outlined recently by Mayor Houlihan and the Oakland Redevelopment Commission, has some of the same appeal which voters in New York saw — correctly or not — in John V. Lindsay.

There is no doubt that the City Center Project would bring thousands of new jobs to downtown Oakland. It would also kindle rejuvenation in other urban centers in the East Bay

To those who shy away from the cost of the project, we would like to point out that the city will get most of it back in credit from freeway and rapid transit construction. Even then, the one-fourth of the cost which the city must pay — or \$8.3 million — amounts to only \$25 per person in Oakland. As for the federal government's share, the funds are there — if Oakland doesn't take them, another city will. And, as taxpayers, our share will be exactly the same either way.



OPINIONS - You Write 'Em . . . We Run 'Em!

PAINTERS D.C. 16 LEADERS CRITICIZED

Editor, Labor Journal:

The selfish, confused, disunited and unprincipled political hacks possessing no ideology in the interest of the working Painter are again giving you the business.

Remember, it was not too long ago I warned you that one District Council in the Bay Area was needed for our own good and continuation of our welfare.

Remember, before elections I again asked you to attend meetings so we could elect honest and capable men to guide us and make sure we got a fair deal. Your absence is now the cause of the council trying to increase our dues \$1.75 a month, or \$5.25 a quarter.

I was present when you voted to return to work. I dissented and asked my name be put on record because I know the petty prestige seekers who lack a basic policy and program, because they don't trust each other, render meaningless the words "honesty," "integrity" and "character."

A lot of you were at this meeting to ratify going back to work. I wasn't allowed to speak. Now all the things a good many of you spent weeks striking for may never come about. Our contract is in arbitration; it may be months till it is resolved. All three councils have their own contracts. I repeat, our contract is not signed. We had to lose work again to get the welfare in operation on a Bay Area basis.

If you still feel a joint examining board is not needed, or 75-25 should not be enforced, or conditions should not be enforced and the raises in holiday vacation should be extra pay for our secretary and others, stay home and go along with your elected officials. Please don't call me and ask why; you know I'm not going to be on your side. My feelings are for those with guts enough to try and get rid of the yoke so we can hold up our heads proudly and say: Local 4 can do it in San Francisco; the worst we should have is equal rights and opportunities, such as \$26.25 quarterly dues and

paying our own business agent. And if they say this is impossible, baloney!

Richmond is fighting to go over to Council No. 8. Let's us do it, also. This way, it will make other locals fall in line before we negotiate. One Bay Area agreement is a must, just as one council is. So stand up and be counted. To those that don't know San Rafael now is in District Council No. 16, how about us taking in strikebreakers, finks, etc., with nothing to say about it? Just how much should we be forced to take without any recourse?

HARRY HERMANN,
Member,
Hayward Painters 1178

STRIKEBREAKER CHARGE DENIED

Editor, Labor Journal:

A copy of your journal for Nov. 12 came to my desk. An article on page 3 bears the caption, "Bible Students Accused of Working Behind Picket Lines." The article proceeds to indicate that students from Western Baptist Bible College worked as strikebreakers during a recent labor dispute at Agalite Bronson Co.

I wish to state categorically that the facts as stated are untrue, and the implications are unfair and request that you publish either a retraction or a clarification. We have many friends in the labor movement, one of whom brought this matter to my attention. We have maintained amicable relations with both union and employer at every place our students are employed. Hence, I deplore this damaging insinuation to the contrary.

The facts, if you desire them, are simply that one of our students who worked at Agalite during the summer and continued part time after college opened was asked by his supervisor to seek men at the college interested in part-time work. Since we depend greatly on such job opportunities, 10 men went to Agalite to be interviewed. They were there one evening for an interview and training with possibility of call back. No work

was done, no pay earned, no job offered. They indicated their availability. For this they are strikebreakers? Actually, the existence of a strike was unknown to them until they saw the picket line, and since they were not employees, but simply in for an interview, it did not occur that any possible harm could come from this matter.

Further, since this matter was handled by the boys on a purely informal basis and not through the college employment office, the charges against the college are wholly unjustified.

May I trust your generosity to correct what appears to me a grievous error which does injustice and harm, both to you and to us.

FRED R. BROCK J.,
President,
Western Baptist Bible
College

SECURITY & DIGNITY

Workers want and need union security for the same reason they want and need unions: that is, to enable them to deal effectively with their employers. Workers join unions so that by acting together they can increase their bargaining power and get better wages and working conditions and greater personal security and dignity. — AFLCIO Pres. George Meany.

ORGANIZED LABOR

It is my sincere conviction that were it not for organized labor, misery, oppression and widespread poverty and very likely bloody revolution, would have engulfed America long ago. The principle of collective bargaining is the keystone of our economic system. — Rep. Henry Gonzales (D.-Texas).

RESPONSIBLE ROLE

The skill, the initiative and the devotion of labor to the progress of America have no parallel in the world. These traits have benefited this entire nation, as labor has fulfilled its responsible role of furthering the social advancement of this country. — Sen Ralph W. Yarborough (D.-Texas).